

Newbury Times

Police Department News



On August 5, 2023, at approximately 3:54 p.m. Officer Levi Clark responded to a call of a swimmer that had not resurfaced on Lake Sunapee. Upon Officer Clark's arrival he was informed that the swimmer had been removed from the water and that CPR was being done on a floating dock approximately 50 feet offshore. Officer Clark removed his uniform and gun belt and jumped into the rough waters of Lake Sunapee on this date and swam to the victim and began to assist in CPR efforts. Officer Clark continued doing this until such time as the Newbury Fire Department's boat arrived on scene and the victim was brought to shore. Officer Clark's efforts and his act of selflessness and courage gave the victim the very best chance of survival. This was above and beyond Officer Clark's duties as a Newbury Police Officer. I award Officer Clark the Medal of Honor for his selfless courage in this life saving attempt.

Chief Bradley Wheeler

Welcome our new Town Administrator!

Diane Ricciardelli joins us on Tuesday, October 10 and is grateful for the opportunity to serve Newbury at the pleasure of the Selectboard.

Diane has over 6 years of municipal experience as both a Town Administrator and in Land Use. Prior to working in town government, she had a career in technology consulting and served as a vice president of operations. Diane has her BA from Tufts University and began her operations work at Tufts University when she managed all the computer facilities.

She serves on several non-profit Board of Directors for kid's theatre programs and for people with disabilities in New England.

She enjoys studying classical piano and cooking.

Please join us in welcoming her to Newbury!



VOTING NEWS

Last Day To **Change Party Affiliation** For 2024 Presidential Primary Is

Friday, October 6, 2023

as of September 13, 2023, the Presidential Primary date has not been set.

Town Clerk's Desk

*****Attention Residents*****



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

State of New Hampshire

**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

STEPHEN E. MERRILL BUILDING
23 HAZEN DRIVE, CONCORD, NH 03305
Telephone: (603)227-4000 TDD Access Relay NH 7-1-1



John C. Marasco
Director of Motor Vehicles

Municipal Agent Memo

Friday August 25, 2023

BATTERY ELECTRIC AND PLUG-IN HYBRID SURCHARGE - EFFECTIVE 9/1/23

Dear Municipal Agents and Partners,

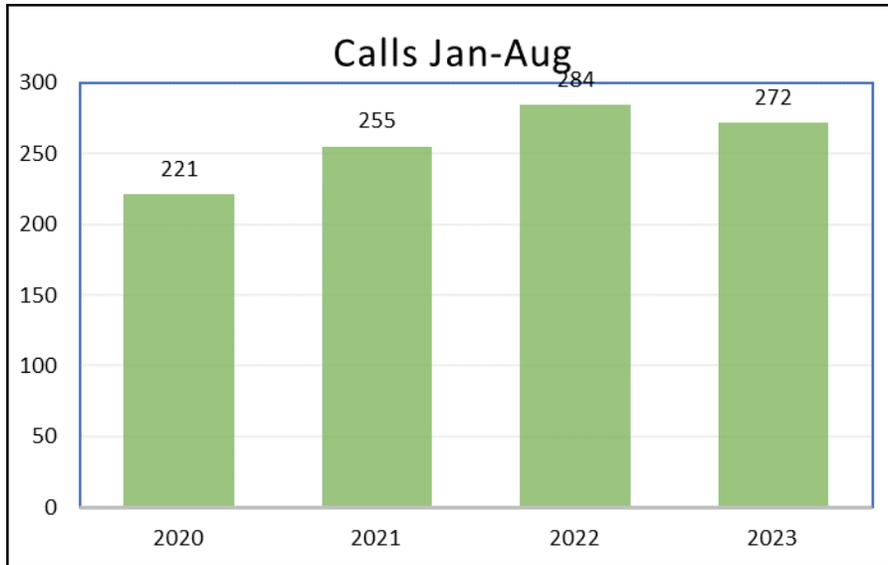
On June 6, 2023, Governor Sununu signed HB2 into law with an effective date of July 1, 2023. HB2 establishes a surcharge on annual registration for electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to offset the loss of road toll revenues derived from transportation fuel taxation. The new regulation requires municipal agents to collect fees, as follows:

- **Battery electric vehicles**, as defined in RSA 236:132, I, shall be assessed a surcharge of \$100.
- **Plug-in hybrid vehicles**, as defined in RSA 236:132, V, shall be assessed a surcharge of \$50.

Fire Department News

Response Summary

Through the first eight months of 2023 Newbury Fire Rescue responded to 272 calls for service. This compares to 284 for the same period in 2022, and 255 in 2021. It is anticipated that the total responses for the year will be comparable to the 2022 total of 397 or about 33 calls per month. Emergency Medical Services Calls accounted for 34% of the calls, followed by Alarm calls at 20% and Service calls at 14%.



Continuing Education

Continuing education continues to be a focus of the department with one member completing the Firefighter I & II program at the New Hampshire Fire Academy. Two department members are currently enrolled in the Fire Inspector I program at the Academy; One firefighter has completed the Academy Wildland Firefighter Program. There are two members currently enrolled in the Emergency Medical Technician program and one in the Emergency Medical Responder license program. The department continues weekly in-house fire and medical training including joint training with the Sunapee and Bradford Fire Departments and the New Hampshire Marine Patrol.

Fall Hiking

Fall, with the cool crisp days and the brilliant foliage is the best time of the year for hiking on Mount Sunapee and the other wilderness trails throughout New Hampshire. Newbury Fire Rescue reminds hikers of all skill levels that there are things to consider before you hit the trail.

- No matter what time of year, a hike needs to be planned out with a review of the area and trails you will be taking.
- Always let someone know where you will be hiking and when you are expected to return, that person can contact authorities if you are overdue.
- Fall temperatures on the summit of the mountain can be drastically cooler than at the trailhead, bring additional layers in your pack even if you do not need it when you start out.
- Darkness occurs much earlier in the fall and even if you do not plan to be in the woods past sunset, bring a flashlight and extra batteries.
- Don't forget good hiking boots, drinking water and snacks for the trail.
- If you do become lost or injured on the hike, call 911 and provide information on your location, remain at that location until the first responders call you back or arrive at your location.

Fire Department News Continued

Wear High Visibility clothing while walking, jogging, or biking.

Dusk comes early in the fall months and it is very difficult for motorists to see people running, walking, or biking on our roadways once the sun goes down. In order to be seen by the cars it is important to wear high visibility clothing such as reflective vests, shirts, or jackets. If you are walking or running with your dog, there is high visibility gear for them too. Don't forget that walkers and joggers should always be going against the flow of traffic and bicycles should travel with the flow of traffic.



Chimney Cleaning



It is not too early to think of cleaning your fireplace or wood stove chimney for the winter heating season. Most chimney sweeping companies book up early in the fall and September is the best time to schedule an appointment.

If you are planning on purchasing a wood or pellet stove, the installation of these stoves requires a permit from the fire department. The application can be downloaded from the Town of Newbury Website Forms & Applications page.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

With the cooler weather here and the windows no longer open throughout the day, carbon monoxide may be building up in the home. The deadly gas that might come from a leaking furnace, stove or water heater and was disbursed in the fresh air in the house may now reach dangerous levels that could impact the family. Now is the time to test your carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to be sure they are operating properly.

Keep in mind that CO detectors have a useful life of about seven years and any that are over seven years old should be replaced. If you have a battery powered CO detector, they can be purchased at any hardware or home improvement store. If your detectors are part of a central station alarm system, contact your alarm company to replace the detector. If your home has a hard-wired smoke and carbon monoxide alarm system that is not serviced by an alarm company, you may replace the CO Detectors yourself, but be sure to use the same brand of units that are currently in your fire alarm system.

Permits

Newbury residents are reminded that if they are doing any major electrical work at their homes, such as the addition of solar panels, backup generator or electric vehicle charging stations, a permit is required from the Newbury Code Enforcement Officer. These installations requires an inspection by the code enforcement officer and the fire department. The fire department inspection not only verifies that the fire code is being complied with, but also provides the fire department with information on the electrical hazard to firefighters that may be found at the location when responding to an alarm or emergency.

Recreation Department Events



Looking for Halloween enthusiasts with decorated trunks and candy to help with our 7th Annual Trunk-or-Treat!

All trunks are welcome!

If you choose to be in the trunk competition, the *optional* theme to win a prize is Classic Movies. Winner will receive a trophy and gift card!

This event is scheduled for:

Date: Sunday October 29, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Newbury Town Offices, 937 Route 103

Rain or Shine

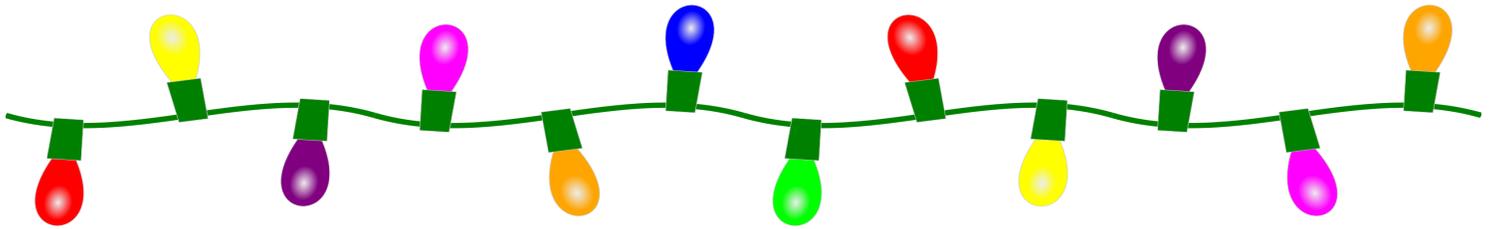


If you're interested in participating email

Syd Bryk at
recreation@newburynh.org

Thank you!





Recreation Department Events Continued

Christmas Tree Lighting/Holiday Festivities - Sunday December 5th

Craft Fair at Town Offices - 2 pm to 5:30 pm

Tree Lighting - 5 pm

Refreshments following at Vets Hall



Upcoming Town Office Closures

- October 9 - Columbus Day
- November 10 - Veteran’s Day (Observed)
- November 23 - Thanksgiving Day
- November 24 - Day after Thanksgiving
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- January 1 - New Year’s Day

Transfer Station Closing

December 25 - Christmas Day

Highway Department News



The Highway Department has installed some new stop signs and yield signs throughout the town. Here is a listing of the new signs.



Stop Signs

- Mountainside Rd to South Rd
- Mountainside Rd to Newell Rd
- Cheney Rd to Chalk Pond Rd
- Meadow Rd to Province Rd
- Sutton Rd to Village Rd

Yield Signs

- Newell Rd to Brown Rd
- Province Rd to Cheney Rd (Cheney has the right of way)
- Morse Hill Rd to Village Rd (off Rt 103 before it splits-*yield*)

Family Services

The leaves are turning! It is time to make plans to ensure each needy family in Newbury has enough to eat and the ability to enjoy the “Holiday” season.

Each year, the South Newbury Union Church (SNUC) works diligently to make this a possibility for each needy family in Newbury for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. To do this, they rely on the caring and generous people of Newbury. Confidentiality is an important factor. Each recipient and donor will be kept confidential.

I am asking for the help of all Newbury residents. Please donate to SNUC. PO Box 37, Newbury, NH 03255, attention: Food Pantry.

In early November, you will find the “Giving Tree” in the lobby of the Newbury Town Offices. Each snowflake on this tree represents the wish of a needy child in Newbury. This is your chance to play “Santa” and make Christmas brighter for a needy child. As prices have risen this year, our plans have become more challenging.

With the help of all, we can do this! Thanks for your help.

Gail Bostic

Library Happenings

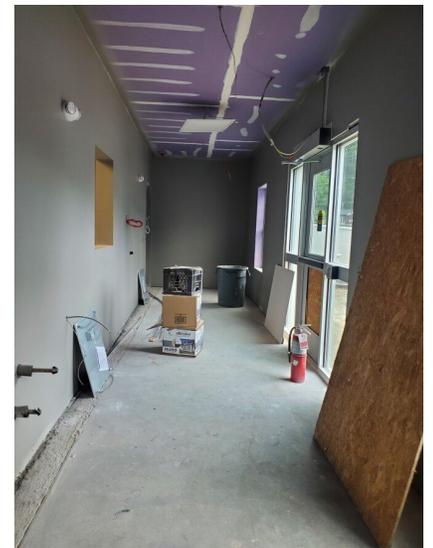
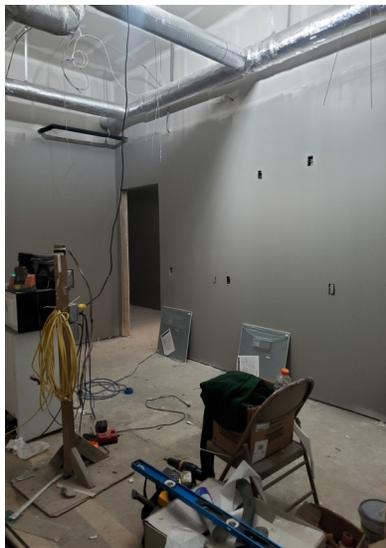
We will be presenting a documentary screening of the film Killer High: The Silent Crisis, on Thursday October 12th at 7pm at the Newbury Fire Department Training Room with the Newbury Police and Newbury Fire Department, and Newbury Veterans which is an ABC documentary on the Fentanyl crisis. Newbury Police and Fire will be on hand and will also present local law enforcement and emergency medical services concerns.

Join us for a Skywatch with the NH Astronomical Society (NHAS) on Monday, October 16th at 7pm at the Vets Hall. We will begin a presentation, followed by a skywatch up at The Fells parking lot! Feel free to bring telescopes with you if you have them, or try out the library's lending telescope- which is also available for checkout at the library. Our lending telescope was very generously donated by NHAS, and they provide us with ongoing support through education and maintenance of the telescope. The NHAS is a state-chartered non-profit educational organization, promoting public awareness of astronomy. They hold public sky watches, demonstrations, presentations, and discussions, all free of charge.

On Saturday October 21st from 10am-1pm we will have an all-ages drop-in pumpkin painting program. You bring the pumpkins, and we provide the materials needed to create some amazing pumpkins!

The Newbury Public Library offers a free delivery service to anyone who has difficulty getting to the library, whether it be because of short or long-term health issues or the loss of a car or license. We are happy to visit and bring books, movies, and audiobooks. We have a CD player to lend if needed. Deliveries are on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis depending on patron's desire, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We are happy to accommodate any patron interested in this service, and we can hand-pick items based on interests, or get specific titles for you. Call us for more information!

Police Station Renovation is on schedule and on budget.



New Blodgett Sewer Building is near completion.



The John Hay Estate at The Fells **Fall Calendar of Public Programs and Events**

OCTOBER

Fungi Foray - Maynard Wheeler **Sunday, October 1, 1:00-4:00pm**

Maynard Wheeler and members of the Montshire Mushroom Club present an introduction to fungi for beginners, followed by a foray amid the rich Fells woodlands, and ending with an identification session. Bring a basket and knife. Members: free, non-members \$10 per person. Advance registration required, call 603-763-4789 x3 or email info@thefells.org.

Speaker Program: Gerard van Buiten **Thursday, October 5, 3:00pm**

In association with the North American Rock Garden Society, The John Hay Estate at The Fells will be welcoming Gerard van Buiten, *Hortulanus* of The Utrecht Botanical Gardens and the Utrecht Science Park in the Netherlands for a presentation and walk through our historic rock garden. Gerard will share his expertise on alpine/rock and woodland gardening, and the great plants he can recommend for both. \$15 per person and meets at the pavilion. Advance registration required, call 603-763-4789 x3 or email info@thefells.org.

First Thursday Hike at The Fells **Thursday, October 5, 11AM**

Join Nick Scheu, Landscape Director, and Simon Parsons, Education Director, at The Fells for a one-hour hike on The Fells property. These informal, moderate walks will be an opportunity to get a little exercise, spend time out in the landscape, and perhaps discover something new about the property once owned by the John Hay family. Members: free, non-members: included with regular admission fee. No reservations necessary. Meets at The Fells Kiosk.

End of Season Pruning – Beginner and Intermediate Skills **Friday, October 20, 1:00-3:00pm**

Before you put your pruning shears and loppers away, The Fells is offering a final pruning workshop for the 2023 season. October is a wonderful time to work outdoors and to prepare any susceptible woody shrubs from unintended branch breakage due to impending snow loads. Or, as shrubs begin to go into dormancy, now is a great time to reshape/resize shrubs which may get covered with protective materials or structures in a month or so. Bring your own sharpened hand pruners and shears or work with Fells tools. Meet at The Fells Barn. \$10 per person. Rain Date: Saturday, October 21. Advance registration required, call 603-763-4789 x3 or email info@thefells.org.

The John Hay Estate at The Fells Continued

Children's Arts Series: Fairy House Pumpkin Making

Sunday, October 22, 2:00pm

Have you ever made a fairy house in the woods or your backyard? Here's a twist that's just right for autumn: a cozy home made from a pumpkin! Join us for this fun craft activity that combines a scavenger hunt for materials with the decorating of the pumpkin fairy houses. You will be able to take your pumpkin houses home or place them in our Fairy Village. This program will be held rain or shine in our Pavilion \$5 per person (under 4 is free). Advance registration required, call 603-763-4789 x3 or email info@thefells.org.

NOVEMBER

First Thursday Hike at The Fells

Thursday, November 2, 11AM

Join Nick Scheu, Landscape Director, and Simon Parsons, Education Director, at The Fells for a one-hour hike on The Fells property. These informal, moderate walks will be an opportunity to get a little exercise, spend time out in the landscape, and perhaps discover something new about the property once owned by the John Hay family. Members: free, non-members: included with regular admission fee. No reservations necessary. Meets at The Fells Kiosk.

Christmas at The Fells Preview Gala

Friday, November 3, 5:30-7:30pm

Enjoy holiday cheer and sumptuous appetizers. Mingle with the decorators and shop ahead of the crowds at the fabulous Boutique. You won't want to miss this magical evening. Consider becoming a Merry Mistletoe Sponsor, tickets \$250/person includes three return tickets and a listing as a sponsor for Christmas at The Fells. Evening tickets are \$100 per person includes one return ticket. Registration required, call 603-763-4789 x3 or visit www.thefells.org for more information.

Christmas at The Fells: Holiday Decorator Showhouse and Boutique

November 4-12 10:00am -3:00pm weekends and 1:00-3:00pm weekdays

Tour The Fells Main House and get inspired! Professional interior designers, floral artists, decorators, and talented volunteers have sprinkled their magic throughout to create this one-of-a-kind showhouse. Tickets are: \$20 in advance through November 1, \$25 at the door, \$8 for children at all times. The Dining Room Café open weekends. Our Holiday Gift Boutique features the finest regional artisans. Buy tickets online at www.thefells.org.

Christmas at The Fells: Ladies Night

Wednesday, November 8, 6:00-8:00pm

Ladies, this is your night! Join us for an unforgettable pre-holiday season event! There is no better time to view the beautifully decorated historic Main House than in the evening. Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, and the best boutique shopping you can find anywhere. Tickets: \$55 or consider becoming a Snow Queen sponsor for \$100 per ticket, including two returning admission tickets for another day. Reservations are required as space is limited. To reserve, call 603-763-4789 x3 or online at www.thefells.org.

DECEMBER

First Thursday Hike at The Fells

Thursday, December 7, 11AM

Join Nick Scheu, Landscape Director, and Simon Parsons, Education Director, at The Fells for a one-hour hike on The Fells property. These informal, moderate walks will be an opportunity to get a little exercise, spend time out in the landscape, and perhaps discover something new about the property once owned by the John Hay family. Members: free, non-members: included with regular admission fee. No reservations necessary. Meets at The Fells

Newbury Beautification Committee

“And all at once summer collapsed into Fall.” (*Oscar Wilde*). It’s hard to believe that summer is over. When did summer actually begin? July? August? It took a while and a lot of prayers and nurturing before our town was again adorned with flower filled window boxes, barrels and hanging baskets. Once again NBC members volunteered their time and expertise in making sure that our town was dressed in it’s finest.

NBC is now hard at work getting ready for our annual wreath sale, this year on November 18, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We are asking people to preorder their wreaths to ensure that they get the size they need, as last year we sold out well before the end of the sale. Wreaths will be picked up the day of sale and you can then have the elves decorate it. You will leave with a fully decorated, custom wreath. The sale has become a yearly event for our community, with a Christmas Boutique and mouthwatering refreshments. Come and stay awhile, visit with old friends and make new friends. There is still time to pre-order a wreath. Contact Cathi Terry at cact@aol.com or call 603-863-7349. The larger sizes will not be available the day of sale.

Our scholarship recipient this Spring was Gareth Richer. Gareth was recognized for his creative and innovative thinking, his work ethic and 72 hours of community service. Gareth is continuing his education at the University of Utah design school.

Our third Annual Garden Award program was a success despite the late arrival of summer. Our winners were Susan and Dennis DeAppolonio, Joy and Tom Nowell, Betsy and Ray Luscinski and the new Newbury Deli. We encourage all to enter no matter how small your garden. It can be a vegetable garden, a flower garden, a rock garden, a garden with a water element or perhaps a kitchen garden?

If you happen to drive by our Highway Department building on South Road you will notice the new sign at the entrance which was initiated by the NBC. The plantings, still in progress, are on both sides of the entrance. This was a thank you to Cal and his mighty men for all that they do for NBC. And while in South Newbury, take a look at the refurbished ladder sign at the blinking light, compliments of the NBC men.

In 2004 Diana Morris invited 11 women to her home and asked them, what can you do for Newbury? And so NBC was born. Many of these original women are still members, some along with their husbands. We have welcomed folks from surrounding towns to join us in carrying on the tradition of keeping Newbury beautiful. In 2007, Governor John Lynch honored the NBC with a citation from the New Hampshire Arborists’ Association as one of the 12 communities across the state to receive the Community Beautification Award for their efforts in public landscaping and beautification. Our two fundraisers every year pay for all the flower barrels, hanging baskets, and wreaths and greens. We thank everyone who has contributed in one way or another to our endeavors and we are always looking for new ways and ideas to enhance our town. A 20 year anniversary party is planned for next Spring. Maybe you’d like to join us as a new member and help us celebrate? For further information or to join NBC contact Sharon Stockel at s54theo@gmail.com.

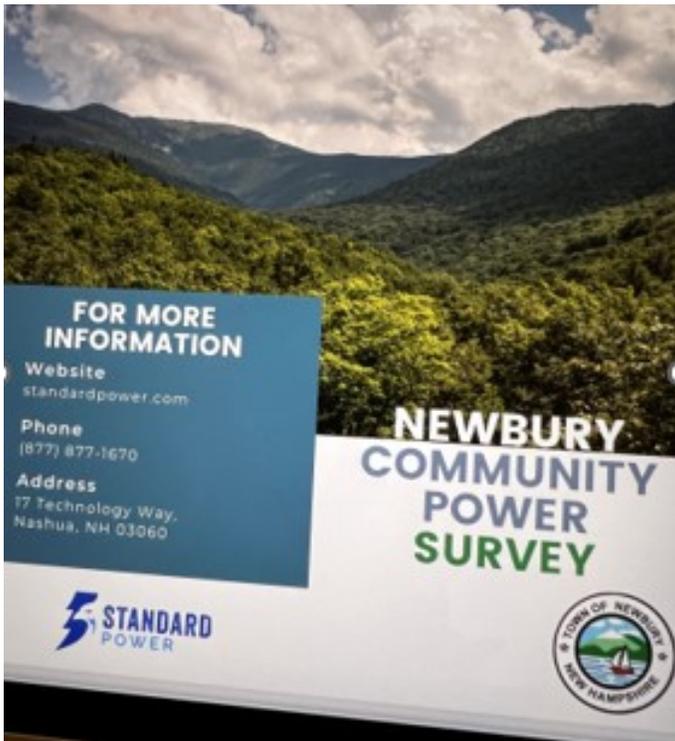
“As you say goodbye to beach days embrace autumn and say hello to cozy flannels, pumpkin picking and apple crisp”.

The Newbury Beautification Committee shall aid the town in the beautification of the community while supporting endeavors that will enrich family life and promote and strengthen community and greens placed throughout the town. NBC strives to support the town in any way possible.”

Newbury Energy Committee

Our committee has continued to look for ways to save Newbury residents money through energy efficiency. Joy Nowell has rejoined our committee, for which we are grateful. The Solar Sub-committee which engineered the installation of the municipal solar array at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (see activity on our website) transitioned into the Aggregate Power Committee, with the goal of bringing community power to our town. Community Power is a New Hampshire program that allows local governments to buy electricity for all their residents at wholesale prices, with the possibility of using renewable energy. The subcommittee investigated a number of providers including the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, but ultimately decided to recommend Standard Power. Mary Fuller, the head of the subcommittee, has made a number of presentations to the Selectboard to keep them informed, and has obtained their approval for moving ahead with the project. Next steps:

There will be two information sessions for residents with representatives from Standard Power and our committee: October 5 at noon and October 12 at 6 PM - Both sessions will be in the Town Hall meeting room.



A survey is available to residents via Survey Monkey which will be sent from the town. <http://surveymonkey.com/NewburyCP> Copies will be available in the town hall, the library and virtually on our website. The survey will close October 13.

In our continuing effort to keep the community informed on ways to save money through energy saving, we hosted a virtual residential solar program by Revision Energy on May 10. On September 21, Yankee Thermal Energy presented a workshop on how to weatherize your home.

Several vendors were on hand at our 2nd Annual Energy Expo at Old Home Day on July 8.

Solaflect (mounted rotating solar)

Rocky's Hardware (electric lawn equipment),

Yankee Termal (weatherizing)

Josh Koehler (SR Solar NH)

Jon Thomas – Walco Mechanical (heat pumps)

Finally, one of our members, Andrew Cockerill has been working on the issue of food waste with Kearsarge Climate Action and the Center for Eco Technology. They will be meeting with local businesses to help divert food waste in the Kearsarge region. Stay tuned.

Lisa Correa, Chair